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LOK SABHA

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EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES TO ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities being provided by the Government to the Scheduled Tribes students regarding admission and tuition fees etc. in Government and Private institution of different level of education viz. Primary, Secondary, Sr. Secondary & higher education ;and

(b) the total number of beneficiaries of such facilities during the last three years, State-wise/Union Territory wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a) & (b) : In so far as Ministry of Tribal Affairs is concerned, the details of the Schemes under which various facilities are provided to ST students regarding admission and tuition fees etc. in Government and Private institutions of different level of education is as follows:

1) Post Matric Scholarship to ST students:-

The value of Scholarship under the Scheme to eligible ST students includes maintenance allowance, provision for students with disabilities, re-imbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees, Study Tour charges, thesis typing/printing charges and book allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses for complete duration of course at specified rates for specified courses for different discipline. The details of beneficiaries under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship, State-wise/Union Territory-wise during last three years is at Annexure.

2) Top Class Education:-

The Scheme of Top Class Education for ST Students has been introduced from the academic year 2007-08 with the objective of encouraging meritorious ST students for pursuing studies at degree and post degree level in any of the 127 identified institutes in both the Government and private sectors covering the field of management, medicine, engineering, law and commercial courses. Each institute has been allocated a maximum of five awards. Under the scheme, eligible ST students are awarded scholarship covering full tuition fee and other non-refundable dues in respect of Government/Government-funded institutions. However, there is a ceiling of Rs.2.00 lakh per annum per student for private sector institutions and Rs.3.72 lakh per annum per student for the private sector flying clubs for Commercial Pilot Training. In addition to the above, the scholarship also provides for living expenses, books and stationery grant, cost of a latest computer system along with its accessories as one time assistance during the course at specified rates. Under the scheme grants are released to the Institutes and not to States/Union Territories. During last financial 2007-08, grants have been sanctioned to 23 institutes for 79 numbers of students.

3) National Overseas Scholarship:-

The Scheme provides financial assistance to students selected for pursuing higher studies abroad in certain subjects at the Masters level, and for Ph. D and Post −Doctoral research programmes. Bachelor level courses in any discipline are not covered under the Scheme. Under the Scheme grants are released for fees, medical insurance premium, poll tax and visa fees at actual, maintenance allowance, annual contingency allowance at prescribed rates. During 2005-06 and 2006-07 no new students have gone abroad for pursuing higher studies. However during 2007-08, 2 new students have proceeded for higher studies abroad.

4) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship:-

In addition to these Schemes, under the Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship, financial assistance at par with UGC rates are provided to ST students for pursuing higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D. Under the Scheme grants are released to UGC and not to States/UTs. During 2005-06 and 2006-07 grants have been released for 400 and 376 ST students. During 2007-08 grants have been released to UGC for 667 anticipated candidates.